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REMARKS

In the office action mailed December 4, 2006, the Examiner rejected pending claims 1 – 30 under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 in view of the Nobrega reference (U.S. Publication No. 2002/0107791). By this paper, the Applicant has cancelled Claims 13 – 30 without prejudice to prosecute in a subsequently filed continuation application and has amended Claim 1 to highlight the subject matter the Applicant believes is allowable over the art of record. Hence, reconsideration of the above-captioned amendments and remarks is now respectfully requested.

As an initial matter, the Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the courtesy of a personal interview with Applicant's representative, Mike Trenholm, on March 20, 2007. During the interview, a proposed Claim 1 was discussed in view of the Nobrega reference. As discussed during the interview, Nobrega does not disclose the user entering a unique password for the user via the input device of the secured component that is sent to the user's personal communications device to permit access to the secured component. Rather, to the extent that Nobrega seeks authorization, from the individual, it is done entirely via the cell phone system. By this paper, amendments of this nature have been included into Claim 1 and the Applicant therefore submits Claim 1 as amended is allowable over the art of record.

In the Applicant's co-pending case, the Examiner has recently recited the Ueshima reference. The Applicant notes that Ueshima does not disclose the concept of sending a password to a personal communications device to permit *alternative* access. As discussed in the specification of the pending application, access to the at least one secured component may be made via a primary way or, if the user is without a necessary component, *e.g.* a token, key etc., then alternative access may be made by sending the signal to a person's personal communications device thus requiring the individual have an individually coded component, their personal communications device, as well as be able to input the password via the secured component.

For the foregoing reasons, the Applicant believes that Claim 1 is allowable over the art of record. The Applicant submits that the remaining claims define additional patentable subject matter and are further allowable due to the dependency on Claim 1 as amended. The Applicant therefore believes the above-captioned application is now allowable over the art of record.

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Should there be any impediment to the prompt allowance of this application; the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned at the number shown below.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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